

**II. REPLY TO OBJECTION TO THE DRAWINGS AND SUBMISSION OF
SUBSTITUTE DRAWINGS**

The drawings have been objected to as failing to comply with 37 CFR 1.84(p)(4) and 1.84(p)(5).

The previously submitted informal drawings contain Figures 1-54.

Applicant requests that the previously submitted informal drawings Figures 2, 3A, 3C, 4, 9, 11, 12, 16, 20, 21, 22, 27, 28, 29A, 31A, 31B, 37 and 38 be replaced with the presently submitted informal drawings Figures 2, 3A, 3C, 4, 9, 11, 12, 16, 20, 21, 22, 27, 28, 29A, 31A, 31B, 37 and 38 and be entered as the drawings upon which examination of the application is based.

Figure 2 has been corrected to clearly show reference character “32”.

Figure 3A has been corrected by deleting reference character “12” and its lead line and by deleting reference character “32” and its lead line.

Figure 3C has been corrected by deleting reference character “14” and its lead line and by deleting reference character “51” and its lead line.

Figure 4 has been corrected by adding reference character “94” and by extending the lead line for reference character “50” to the indicated fastener portion.

Figure 9 has been corrected by replacing the incorrect reference character “102” with correct reference character “103”.

Figure 11 has been corrected by deleting reference character “82” and its lead line.

Figure 12 has been corrected by replacing the incorrect reference character “96” with correct reference character “97”.

Figure 16 has been corrected by deleting reference character “18” and its lead line.

Figure 20 has been corrected by deleting reference character “120” and its lead line.

Figure 21 has been corrected by deleting reference character “130” and its lead line.

Figure 22 has been corrected by deleting reference character “140” and its lead line.

Figure 27 has been corrected by deleting reference character “346” and its lead line.

Figure 28 has been corrected by deleting reference character “352” and its lead line and by replacing the incorrect reference character “376” with correct reference character “326”.

Figure 29A has been corrected by deleting reference character “350” and its lead line.

Figure 31A has been corrected by replacing the incorrect reference character “370” with correct reference character “320”.

Figure 31B has been corrected by deleting reference character “360” and its lead line.

V. **REMARKS REGARDING AMENDMENT TO THE SPECIFICATION,
CLAIMS AND DRAWINGS**

The Specification has been amended to correct the fourth full paragraph commencing on page 4 of the specification to reflect that Figure 11 is a side view, not a top view.

The Specification has been amended to correct the first full paragraph commencing on page 13 of the specification by replacing incorrect reference characters “34, 36” with correct reference characters “26, 28”.

The Specification has been amended to correct the first full paragraph commencing on page 15 of the specification by enumerating all of the holes 55, 57, 59, 61, 63, 65, 67, 69, 71, 73, 79, 81, 83 and 85 of the Figure 4 bracket in addition to holes 57, 63, 67, 69, 71, 73, 79, 81, 83 and 85 originally enumerated by example.

The Specification has been amended to correct the first full paragraph commencing on page 16 of the specification by replacing incorrect reference character “60” with correct reference character “40A”.

The Specification has been amended to correct the second full paragraph commencing on page 17 of the specification by replacing incorrect reference character “96” with correct reference character “97”.

The Specification has been amended to correct the third full paragraph commencing on page 17 of the specification by replacing incorrect reference character

“96” with correct reference character “98” and by replacing incorrect reference character “102” with correct reference character “103” and by replacing the incorrect reference to Figures 10-3 with the correct reference to Figures 10-13.

No new matter has been added by the amendments to the Specification.

Claims 1, 2, 3 and 4 have been cancelled without prejudice to prosecuting each claim in a subsequent patent application filed at a later date. Dependent claim 6 has been amended to overcome the rejection made under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) by deleting the reference to rejected independent claim 2. Dependent claim 6 as presently amended depends only from allowed independent claim 5. Dependent claims 8 and 9 which depend from rejected claim 4 or allowed claim 7 have each been amended to delete the reference to rejected claim 4. Dependent claim 8 as presently amended depends only from allowed dependent claim 7. Dependent claim 9 as presently amended depends from allowed dependent claim 7 or dependent claim 8. Support for the claim amendments is found throughout the Specification and original claims as filed.

The cancellation of claims 1, 2, 3 and 4 was made only to simplify and expedite prosecution and to facilitate issuance of allowed claims 5 and 7.

No new matter has been added by the amendment of any claim.

The Drawings have been amended by the correction of Figures 2, 3A, 3C, 4, 9, 11, 12, 16, 20, 21, 22, 27, 28, 29A, 31A, 31B, 37 and 38 by replacing incorrect reference

characters with correct reference characters or by deletion of incorrect reference characters at some locations.

Support for the amendment of the drawings is found throughout the Specification and original claims as filed.

No new matter has been added by the correction of Figures 2, 3A, 3C, 4, 9, 11, 12, 16, 20, 21, 22, 27, 28, 29A, 31A, 31B, 37 and 38 of the drawings.

VI. REPLY TO REJECTION OF CLAIMS 1, 2, 3 AND 6 UNDER
35 U.S.C. § 102(b)

Claims 1, 2, 3 and 6 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 1,288,024 (“‘024”) to Kendig (“Kendig”). In reply, Applicant has cancelled Claims 1, 2 and 3 without prejudice to prosecuting each claim in a subsequent patent application filed at a later date.

Rejected multiply dependent claim 6 depends from independent claim 2 or independent claim 5. Independent claim 2 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b). Independent claim 5 has been allowed. Applicant has amended dependent claim 6 to depend only from allowed independent claim 5. The rejection of dependent claim 6 as depending from a rejected base claim has been overcome by amendment of dependent claim 6 to depend only from an allowed independent claim.

**VII. REPLY TO REJECTION OF CLAIMS 1 AND 4 UNDER
35 U.S.C. § 103(a)**

Claims 1 and 4 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 4,964,525 (“525”) to Coffey et al. (“Coffey”). In reply, Applicant has cancelled Claims 1 and 4 without prejudice to prosecuting each claim in a subsequent patent application filed at a later date.

VII. ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

Applicant acknowledges that claims 5 and 7 have been allowed.

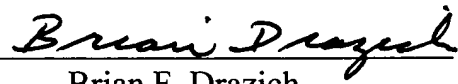
IX. CONCLUSION

For all of the above reasons, it is believed that all of the pending claims, specifically, claims 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9, of the above-identified patent application are now in condition for allowance.

The Commissioner is authorized during the prosecution of this application to charge fees that may be required or credit any overpayment of fees to Deposit Account No. 50-1215, except for payment of patent issue fees required under 37 CFR § 1.18. Please show our above-referenced number with any credit or charge to our Deposit Account.

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